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ONE CENT

SHOOTING FOLLOWING QUARREL MAY RESULT IN DEATH; BELLE VERNON MAN IS ACCUSED

Brownsville Scene of Affray at Early Morning Hour That Came it is Said as a Card Game Climax

TWO BROTHERS ARE WOUNDED

Andrew Nicholas Expected to Die—John Busch of Belle Vernon Gives Himself up to the Police and is Removed to Uniontown—Claims He Shot in Self Defense.

Following an alleged quarrel in a rear room of Cropp's blacksmith shop at the inter-county bridge in South Brownsville, at 1:45 o'clock this morning, John Busch, of Belle Vernon, shot and probably fatally wounded Andrew Nicholas, aged 25 married, and seriously wounded his brother, Jose Nicholas, aged 23, single. Both of the wounded men were taken to the Brownsville General hospital where it was said Andrew has but a few hours to live. Busch gave himself up after throwing away a .38-calibre automatic revolver with which he is alleged to have shot the Nicholls brothers.

Busch and his alleged victims and several others, it is stated, had been gambling in the rear room of the Cropp blacksmith shop, and when the game was finished Busch arose to put on his coat, Andrew Nicholls, who, while putting on his coat, is said to have noticed that his muffer was missing and to have asked Busch if he knew where it could be found. Busch is said to have suggested that Nicholls look in his (Busch's) coat as the muffer might have been placed there by mistake. Jose Nicholls then remarked, "It is said, 'Don't hand us any of that stuff,' and to have struck Busch full in the face. The scene of the quarrel, it is said, then changed to another room of the shop where, it is claimed, Busch pulled the revolver and warned the young men against attempting any further trouble.

With the remark, "Make him shoot," Jose Nicholls is said to have pushed Busch back into a corner and forced the latter to the floor. It was at this juncture, it is stated, that Jose Nicholls and his brother were shot. Andrew Nicholls rushing in from the back room where he is said to have had Sam Cropp, the proprietor of the blacksmith shop, down on the floor. When found Jose Nicholls was able to converse to the authorities but Andrew Nicholls had lost consciousness. Andrew Nicholls was shot in the head, the bullet being embedded in his brain and five fractures branching out. His brother was shot in the left arm and shoulder, two bullets taking effect, and one lodging in his neck.

Witnesses to the alleged shooting, it is said, were Samuel Cropp, owner of the blacksmith shop; Paul Chamberlain and William Cropp.

The Nicholls brothers are sons of Thomas Nicholls, residing at Union street and Shafter avenue, in Brownsville.

Busch was lodged in the county jail at Uniontown early this morning, having been taken there by Justice C. C. Garlett, of Brownsville, in his automobile. Busch, in a statement claimed he shot the Nicholls brothers in self-defense.

Busch, according to Justice Garlett, asked that he be taken to the

MEAT ONLY FOR THE RICH, DEALER SAYS

Prices Still Going up With Worst Yet to Come According to Predictions of Meat Men—Poor Unable to Enjoy Luxury

Those who Wednesday found an increase of approximately five cents a peck added to the price of potatoes, are now facing increases over the already high prices of meat. Some meats are now selling at prices beyond reason and meat men are gloomily prophesying even worse conditions.

Beef steaks are retailing according to kind at 25 to 30 cents per pound. Pork chops are bringing 25 cents a pound without question. Roasts are all high.

There is no veal to be had, and some trouble is being experienced even in getting pork. Three weeks ago pork was selling live weight at \$9.65

hundredweight. Lately it has sold at \$11.10, this being an increase of \$1.45.

Lamb is high, selling live weight at 12 and 13 cents a pound and at 20 to 30 cents retail to consumers. Sheep is a little cheaper. Mutton is selling wholesale at 10, 12 and 14 and lambs, dressed at 20.

"I look for advances that will put meats far beyond what they now are in price," said a meat dealer today. "It has about reached the point now where the poorer families cannot afford steak but infrequently, and shortly it will be that they will not be able to enjoy it at all save as a luxury."

MONESSEN BOARD OF TRADE HOLDS BANQUET

Affair Wednesday Evening Brilliant Event—Speakers Include Harry H. Fisher, Robert Garland and Dr. F. H. Green

The seventh annual banquet of the Monessen Board of Trade, held in the high school at that place Wednesday evening, not only was the most brilliant and enjoyable of the series to date, but attracted a large and representative company which included the leading citizens of the immediate vicinity, together with a number from Pittsburg. The Pittsburg contingent journeyed to and from the function by special train on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad and included a number of the higher officials of that system.

Dr. Wallace E. Stewart, president of the board presided. The invocation was by Rev. J. B. Swain, pastor of the First Christian church of Monessen. J. Howard Kelly, president of the First National Bank of Monessen was the toastmaster. Harry H. Fisher of Greensburg was the first speaker, whose topic was "The Relation of a Town to the County," which he handled from the viewpoint of a lawyer, according each its place in the general scheme of government and explaining the differences that always have existed and always must exist in the methods of conducting their respective affairs.

Robert Garland, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburg, the next speaker, declared that one of the ultimate results of making Pittsburg the convention city will be to embark in it the manufacturing of finished products.

The third and last speaker was Dr. Francis Harvey Green, professor of English in the West Chester State Normal School. His subject was "Six Great Cities."

The program of speaking was interspersed by singing by the diners, led by Will Davis of Pittsburg.

county jail as soon as possible, stating that he feared an attempt at violence.

ALL DEBTS CANCELLED CHURCH REPORTS SHOW

Congregational Meeting of First Christian Denomination Given Over To Business Affairs—Pastor Completes Sixth Year

The annual congregational meeting of the First Christian church was held Wednesday evening. A devotional and baptismal service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. N. Duty. T. J. Allen, president of the official board, presided during the reading of all reports of the different departments of the church for the year ending December 31.

The reports showed that the church closed its year with a clean sheet with all debts of the church paid and most every department having a neat balance carried over to the new year.

The oldest member of the church, Gilbert Uptegraph, aged 86, and the pastor burned notes paid during the year amounting to \$725, together with a note of \$500 of a former year, after which the congregation sang, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The pastor, Rev. E. N. Duty, entered upon the sixth year of his pastorate of the local congregation January 1.

Notice

"Serv-U's" Pure Food Products can be secured from the following merchants:

Woodward & Parks, Lock No. 4.
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P. Pardini.
Paul Ternavsky.
Leon Depassi.
J. Leroy.
Eugene Sance.
E. Demarco.
F. Wanthier.

Watch this list grow. 130-tf

GAS SHORTAGE DOES NOT STOP VALLEY PLANTS

Oil System Put Into Use When Supply is Cut Short Wednesday Night

DONORA AFFECTED A LITTLE

Gas shortage that as usual accompanied the cold wave which made itself felt Wednesday night did not bother the industries of the valley to the extent that it has in past weeks and months. The reason is that the plants were ready to meet the contingency.

The Macbeth-Evans Glass company continued the use of its fuel system. Consequently the local plant managed to escape the sort of trouble from which it usually has suffered.

At Donora three of the open hearth plants started operating with the oil system Wednesday night. This number was today increased to seven and another will be started shortly on oil. Some are being equipped with a powdered coal system.

The gas supply to manufacturing concerns was cut 50 per cent. Wednesday evening and this morning at 6 o'clock gas was almost entirely shut off.

NORTH STRABANE TOWNSHIP PEOPLE WANT BETTER ROAD

A number of the leading citizens of North Strabane township appeared before the county commissioners Wednesday in an effort to have the highway, known as the Hill Church-Eighty-Four road, completed from the end of the section already constructed to Wylandville. This road joins the Washington-Canonsburg state road at the Hill church. It crosses the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Gamble station, and then proceeds parallel with the railroad to Wylandville.

The road from Wylandville to the Monongahela pike has been constructed, and about a mile of this road from the Hill church towards Gamble has been built. This leaves about three miles of road between the Monongahela pike and improved by Eighty-Four to Monongahela. This is an important link in the route from Washington to the eastern part of the state, and many tourists from the Washington section go that way to Gettysburg and the east. Speeches in favor of the road were made by a number of the delegates, but the commissioners were unable to promise anything definite at this time, as their road building program has not been outlined for the coming summer.

Restaurant Changes Hands
The Square Deal restaurant on McKean avenue owned by H. A. Kauffe has passed into the hands of Frank E. Smith of Monessen on a rent basis, the transaction having recently been made.

MONONGAHELA GETS NOTHING IN HOUSE RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

MAY USE AUTO TAGS UNTIL FEBRUARY 1 LATEST ORDER

Highway Commissioner Black Unable to Get 1917 Licenses Issued in Time. Hence the Extension.

Formal notice was given Wednesday by State Highway Commissioner Black that all automobile licenses for 1916 had been extended until February 1 because of the failure of the Prison Labor Commission to deliver tags on time. The automobile authorities of adjoining states were given notice of the extension of the life of 1916 tags.

LEAGUE SEASON IN FULL SWING

Two Games to be Played Tomorrow Night in the Basketball Schedule

SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED

Two Washington county high school basketball games will be staged tomorrow night in the series of games that have been arranged for the season. Washington County Interscholastic Athletic association to determine the floor records. Washington will play at Donora and McDonald at Canonsburg.

The league season was inaugurated last week when Washington defeated Monongahela and Canonsburg surprised everybody by defeating Charleroi.

Charleroi will not play this week, but next week the first home game of the season will be staged with McDonald here. Under direction of Frank H. Judson, formerly of Washington and Jefferson college, athletics at McDonald high school are prospering, and it will be a good team that will come next week.

The Washington County Interscholastic association basketball schedule for the remainder of the season follows:

January 12—McDonald at Canonsburg; Washington at Donora.
January 19—McDonald at Charleroi; Donora at Monongahela.
January 26—Monongahela at McDonald; Donora at Canonsburg; Charleroi at Washington.
February 2—Canonsburg at Monongahela; Charleroi at Donora.
February 3—Washington at McDonald.
February 9—McDonald at Monongahela; Canonsburg at Donora.
February 10—McDonald at Donora; Monongahela at Charleroi.
February 16—Canonsburg at McDonald; Washington at Monongahela; Donora at Charleroi.
February 23—Monongahela at Canonsburg; Washington at Charleroi.
February 28—McDonald at Washington.
March 2—Charleroi at Monongahela; Donora at Washington.
March 9—Charleroi at McDonald; Monongahela at Donora; Washington at Canonsburg.
March 16—Canonsburg at Charleroi.

For First Time in Years Congress is Passing up This River

LOCK NO. 6 WORK COMPLETED

Lock No. 4 Funds Not Provided by Direct Appropriation, so House Does Not Consider it—\$5,000,000 For The Ohio.

For the first time in years there will be nothing contained for Monongahela, Allegheny or Youghiogheny river improvement in the rivers and harbors bill to be introduced today in the house of representatives at Washington, D. C. The reason for this is that practically all the improvement work contemplated on the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers for the present time has been completed, and the committee is not favorable to Yough river improvement.

Lock No. 6 has been given attention in the list of appropriations for the last few years prior to this. Last fall the present work of improvement there was completed, however, and there was no further demand. Later possibly other improvement work will be started.

At Lock No. 4 no specific appropriations for improvement have ever been made, yet it has been virtually reconstructed during the last four years at a cost of several hundred thousands of dollars. Moreover there is no prospect of further improvement there that is being considered. The plan of the local work is that funds were provided from an emergency fund by the war department.

In the present bill the usual appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the Ohio river and \$5,000 for the Pittsburg harbor will be included.

Final agreement on the bill was reported late Wednesday by the house committee. The measure carries \$38,155,339 of which something over \$10,000,000 is for new projects and the remainder for continuing or maintaining existing projects.

REV. HARTUNG EXPLAINS HOW ONE WHO IS OLD MAY BE BORN AGAIN

The subject, "How Can a Man be Born Again When he is Old?" was treated by Rev. C. A. Hartung, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday in his evangelistic sermon. He illustrated forcefully his thought, showing that it is necessary for a person to experience a change of heart before they can feel salvation is sure. His sermon made a deep impression on his hearers and when the invitation was given two persons responded by approaching the altar. The evening was featured by the attendance in a body of members living in districts 3 and 4 of the church plan.

No Rush For City Jobs.
City jobs worth \$1,400 a year cause no scramble in McKeesport these days. Although plenty of notice was given, there was only one application before Council for the job of city assessor. It was made by August Anderson, who has held the office for 10 years. He was unanimously chosen.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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PROVING WORTH

If there is not a favorable vote when Pennsylvania next considers the matter of woman suffrage it will not be the fault of western Pennsylvania suffragists, who are conducting a clean-cut and thorough campaign.

The ordinary man would have been disappointed beyond reason at his failure to carry through an issue such as the women attempted to put through only recently. But the suffragists showed no signs of disappointment. They quietly went to work to arrange affairs for the convening of the next legislature when they proposed to introduce another amendment similar to the last, permitting them to vote. That amendment is to be presented at the next session of the legislature, and once again after that. Then the people will vote upon it.

Meanwhile while the preliminaries are being attended to, the women throughout the state are studying up conditions. Already they can tell the men folk—many of them at least—more about government and the details than the men ever knew existed.

No one must get the idea that the leaders in the suffrage movement are not politicians. But they are politicians with a new idea of politics. They believe that women will get the right to vote only when they prove themselves worthy of it. And that is the work they are setting themselves to in earnest.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

LANGUAGE OF THE LAW

The attorney general of Ohio, in a recent address, deplored the fact that the language of the statute is not plain. In other words, he believed that the language of the law could be improved upon, and made more easily understandable, with the consequent lessening of the miscarriage of justice through the "technicalities" that arise in law suits. And every man who ever tried to understand the long sentences and cumbersome wording of a law will agree with him.

Of all things a statute ought to be most easily understood. It is carefully prepared, by men supposed to be educated. It is edited, if you please, by a whole legislature. So there is no reason whatever why a law should be drawn in cumbersome language, or its intentions rendered obscure.

There isn't a newspaper man in the land but could improve upon the "language of the law." If he were told to write a statute to forbid a certain thing, or to provide for the doing of a certain thing, there wouldn't be any doubt about what was meant when he got through with it. Yet we read in the papers every day, where the highest tribunals are called upon to interpret statutes, and we frequently find that in giving their opinions the courts spend much time in telling why they believe the legislature enacting the law "meant" thus and so.

The federal laws are not an improvement over the state laws. Congress doesn't come any nearer making its meaning plain than do the state legislatures. For we have thousands of federal statutes that nobody seems to know what they mean, and courts spend much of their time interpreting them, with no two courts giving the same interpretation.—Dayton Daily News.

DOING A LITTLE BIT MORE

General Charles H. Taylor is editor of the Boston Globe, one of the really great newspapers of America. In an interview published in last week's issue of the Editor and Publisher, General Taylor gave it as the rule of his life to always do just a little bit more than was expected of him.

To illustrate: When he was about 15 learning the printing trade, General Taylor had for a companion a lad employed in another printing office. This lad complained continually that his job was too hard. Taylor was sick of his because it was too easy. So they traded jobs. Taylor went to the Boston Traveler, where he had to work four nights each week after working all day.

Taylor became a great editor and publisher, providing employment to 1,200 persons. The other lad is long forgotten.—Brownsville Telegraph.

NASTURTIUMS FOR WINDOW

Nasturtiums can be grown during the winter in any warm room that has a sunny window. Strong sunshine is absolutely necessary, windows that have only a little sunshine, morning or afternoon will not give good results.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recommends the sowing of a pot six inches in diameter nearly full of soil, after it is pressed down there must be a space about three-quarters of an inch between the top of the soil and the top of the pot. This is to enable one to thoroughly water the soil.

In the center place three or four seeds of a climbing nasturtium, putting them about half an inch below the surface of the soil. Then place the pot in the sunny window and provide a trellis of strings.

The important thing to remember is that while the seeds are germinating and the plant young, great care must be taken not to provide too much water and so sour the soil.—Greensburg Democrat.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Most successful men before seizing Opportunity by the forelock have been compelled to dig it out of a hole. The present Thaw episode to many of us looks crazier than his former crime did.

The war map of Europe looks like one of those futurist drawings.

From out the void of the shapeless past

The first come first and the first come last;

Afar I see the gallant host

I'll take a little tea and toast.

—R. L. Goldberg.

Balanced sentence: A man had a wooden leg and his wife had a wooden arm.—New York American.

Why should a lawyer want a law changed when it is bad enough the way it is.

Who did what with the scissors?

You can get even with your wife for buying you flashy neckties by growing a full beard to hide them.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

A Pennsylvania farmer was the owner of a good Alderney cow. A stranger, having admired the animal, asked the farmer, "What will you take for your cow?"

The farmer scratched his head for a moment and then said, "Look-a-here be you the tax assessor or has she been killed by the railroad?"

A little girl who was trying to tell a friend how absent-minded her

grandpa was said: "He walks around thinking about nothing; and when he remembers it, he then forgets that what he thought of was something entirely different from what he wanted to remember."

Everybody's Magazine tells the story of a lawyer who for many years had shocked a large number of his friends by his rather liberal views on religion, and who recently died.

A friend of the deceased, who cut short a trip to hurry back to town for the purpose of attending the last rites of his colleague entered the late lawyer's home some minutes after the beginning of the service.

"What part of the service is this?" he inquired in a whisper of another legal friend standing in the crowded hallway.

"I've just come myself," said the other, "but I believe they have opened for the defense."

A Philadelphia servant sought her mistress with the announcement that her mother was sick and that she therefore desired permission to go home for a few days.

"Certainly," said the woman, "but do not stay longer than necessary, as we need you."

A week passed and not a word from the maid. Then a note came which read:

"Dear Mrs. Jones: I will be back next week. Please keep my place for me, as my mother is dying as fast as she can."—Harper's.

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GINGLES' JINGLES

HOT DOGS.

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DIVORCE NOTICE

In the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pa., Addie McPeck vs. William E. McPeck subpoena sur libel for divorce No. 90 November Term, 1916.

Notice To Respondent

To William E. McPeck, respondent in the above mentioned case: You are hereby notified in pursuance of the Order of Court of Common Pleas of said County of Washington to be and appear in the said Court on the second Monday of February next, being the twelfth day of the month, to answer the petition of libel hereto preferred by the libellant, Addie McPeck your wife and show cause if any you have, why the said Addie McPeck should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Hereof fail not under the penalty of having said petition heard and a decree of divorce granted in your absence.

F. B. Wickerham,

Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office:

January 8th, 1917.

Hugh E. Fergus, Atty.

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Divorce Notice.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pa., Mary Massinettz vs. Joseph Massinettz, subpoena sur libel for divorce. No. 91 November Term, 1916.

Notice to Respondent.

To Joseph Massinettz, respondent in the above mentioned case: You are hereby notified in pursuance of the Order of Court of Common Pleas of said County of Washington, to be and appear in the said Court on the first Monday of February next, being the fifth day of the month, to answer the petition of libel hereto preferred by the libellant, Mary Massinettz your wife and show cause if any you have, why the said Mary Massinettz should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you agreeably to the Act of Assembly, in such cases made and provided. Hereof fail not under the penalty of having said petition heard and a decree of divorce granted in your absence.

F. B. Wickerham,

Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office:

January 3, 1917.

Guy Moffitt, Attorney.

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Canny Scott! "I say, Sandy, non," said Jock, handing back his friend's photograph, "when ye had those photos taken, why didna ye smile?" "And those pictures costing me \$2 a dozen!" replied Sandy. "Are ye crazy, mon?"—Woman's Home Companion.

Clerk's Office.

Following is a list of applications for Liquor License to sell at Retail, Wholesale, Wholesale as Brewer and Wholesale as Distiller as filed in this office.

Supplemental petitions for and against the granting of license may be filed in this office before 5 o'clock p. m. Monday January 29, 1917.

License Court will convene in Court Room No. 2, Monday February 5th 1917, at 1 o'clock p. m., Hon. R. W. Irwin, A. L. J. presiding.

Retail

Thomas A. McCune, Allen Township.
Robert A. Johnston, Bentleyville.
Georganna Coles, Charleroi.
Arthur W. Day, Charleroi.
William R. Galt, Charleroi.
George M. Fellows, Charleroi.
Mary A. Rylands, Charleroi.
George L. West, Charleroi.
William H. Zellers, Charleroi.
John H. Bernarding, Donora.
Frank A. Coatsworth, Donora.
Robert E. Michael, Donora.
William Phennicie, Donora.
James M. Purcell, Donora.
W. W. Reed, Donora.
W. B. Risbeck, Donora.
John L. Rooney, Donora.
Thomas Madigan, East Bethlehem Township.

Frank J. Zwick, East Bethlehem Township.

James E. Hayden, Finleyville.

John J. Swick, Finleyville.

F. W. Shepler, Finleyville.

Davidson & Klein, Marianna.

H. H. Clayton, Sr., Monongahela, Third Ward.

Alfred L. Diebart, Monongahela, First Ward.

Theodore J. Eckbreth, Monongahela Second Ward.

Otto P. Glasser, Monongahela Second Ward.

Charles G. Simon, Monongahela, First Ward.

B. Frankie, McDonald.

F. A. Thomassy, McDonald.

Louis Vove, McDonald.

Jacob Will, McDonald.

Addison S. Abbott, et al., New Eagle.

John G. Noble, New Eagle.

William Coulson, Roscoe.

Albert H. Furlong, Roscoe.

William E. Bruce, Stockdale.

Mathias J. Engel, Jr., West Brownsville.

Peter N. Miller, West Brownsville.

John T. Starr, West Brownsville.

Wholesale.

Harry B. Hayden, Monongahela, Second Ward.

Wholesale as Brewer.

Acme Brewing Co., Bentleyville.

Crescent Brewing Co., Washington.

Wray G. Zelt, Washington.

Donora Brewing Co., Donora.

Independent Brewing Co., Charleroi.

Independent Brewing Co., Monongahela.

Moose Brewing Co., Roscoe.

Joseph S. Roth, Carroll Township.

Wholesale as Distiller.

E. A. Burson & John F. Boyd, East Bethlehem Township.

Julia A. Crawford, Allen Township.

E. Fred Emery, East Bethlehem Township.

Riverview Distilling Co., Carroll Township.

Vandergriff Distillery, Inc. East Bethlehem Township.

W. S. Lockhart, Clerk Quarter Sessions.

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Don't forget the Maccabee euchre.

Jan. 11. 170-16

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Former price 13.50	sale price . . . 10.00
Former price 15.00	sale price . . . 11.00
Former price 16.00	sale price . . . 11.50
Former price 18.00	sale price . . . 13.50
Former price 20.00	sale price . . . 14.50
Former price 25.00	sale price . . . 18.50

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The Philathea class of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church will hold a bake sale at Fleming's store, Saturday, December 13. ST&F



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This is our CLEAN UP SALE. You better hurry! Rush to this sale. This is the time you have been waiting for—this is every man's and boy's opportunity for we have without reservation or restriction of any kind put on sale every man's and boy's suit in the store at prices so small that cannot but appeal to the most careful buyer.



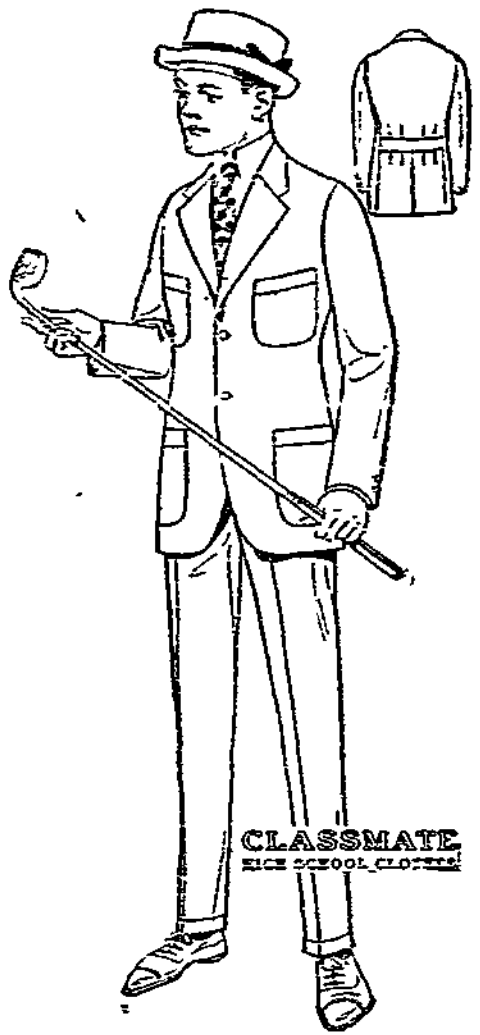
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\$10.00 Suits and Overcoats, \$6.75
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We also have many other articles in this department at reduced prices. It will pay you to buy what you need while the stock is at its best and you can get first choice at clearance prices.



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WANTED—An experienced saleslady for dry goods and notions. Good salary and permanent position to right person. C. E. Goodrich, California, Pa. 175-15

WANTED—Housekeeper Middle-aged. Inquire Louis Suppres, Box 178, Bentleyville, Pa. 174-13p

WANTED—Either hotel or general housework. Address 852 Mail office. 174-16p

WANTED—To rent by family of three a five or six room modern house or apartment. Centrally located. Address Smith Oradoff, care of Regan & Hormell. 174-12p

WANTED—Young man for office work, experience not necessary. Write 851 Mail office. 172-14

WANTED—To buy house of 3 to 6 rooms, price must be reasonable. Write 850 Mail office. 172-1f

FOR RENT—Small store room. Cheap rent. Good location. Apply 426 Fallowfield avenue. 167-1f

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Use of bath. Inquire 854 Mail. 175-13

FOR RENT—Eight roomed house, with bath and furnace. Good location. Rent \$30 per month. Inquire Charleroi Real Estate Agency. 172-1f

FOR RENT—Garage or stable. Inquire 412 Fallowfield avenue. 173-16

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. If desired apply 526 Washington avenue. 175-14

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms with pantry and bath. 1013 McKean avenue. 175-12p

FOR RENT—Three rooms and bath. Inquire 703 Meadow avenue. 173-13p

FOR SALE—Fresh Jersey cow. Inquire 703 Shady avenue. 174-13p

LOST—Lady's fraternity pin between First Presbyterian church and 585 Lincoln avenue. Reward if returned to 853 Mail. 174-12p

Wool Clip Worth \$1,350,531.
Pennsylvania's "wool clip" for 1916 was worth \$1,350,531. Approximately 630,500 fleeces were clipped throughout the state. The average weight of each fleece clipped last year is estimated at 6.3 pounds, a trifle heavier average than that of 1915. The average price of wool was 34 cents, as compared with 27 cents in 1915. The total clip weighed 3,927,150 pounds.

TOTAL ABSTAINERS GOOD AT KEEPING OUT OF JAIL

Not a single total abstainer was committed to the Fayette county jail during the year 1916, according to the annual report of Warden Hugh Goley which has just been completed. As against this there were 2,359 moderate drinkers and 183 whose habits were intemperate, the total number of persons committed to the jail during the year having been 2,542. There were 95 persons in jail January 1, 1916 and on December 31, 1916, there were 133 prisoners. During the year there were 1,409 single and 1,128 married prisoners, 10 being widowers.

But 25 per cent of the persons committed were unable to read and write. None of these had ever attended public school. Sixteen per cent of the total number committed were colored. There were 77 prisoners under 16 years of age. The males committed during the year numbered 2,465 as against 189 women and girls.

Three Nabbed For Fighting
The arrest of three was made by the police this morning about 9 o'clock at McKean avenue and Fifth street. Too much indulgence in the cup it is said led to the bout.

PERSONALS

Mrs. A. L. Roberts and Mrs. Thomas Woods and son Roland of South Brownsville were visiting Mrs. W. P. Stiger Wednesday.

Mrs. W. P. Stiger of Shady avenue is visiting friends in Pittsburgh for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Swickey went to Pittsburgh Wednesday on business. Miss Opal Stabile of Crest avenue spent Thursday in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Lance Riggs and children have returned to their home at Brownsville after visiting with her mother Mrs. James Frew.

Mrs. George Woodhall and Mrs. Stiger Thursday.

Miss Elizabeth Frew has gone to Brownsville to visit with her sister Mrs. O. Lance Riggs.

Mrs. Lula White has gone to Farmington to visit several days.

Russell Althouse has returned from Alliance, Ohio and will make his home in Charleroi.

E. Drach and James Brown of Monongahela visited with friends in Charleroi Wednesday.

John L. Stewart, editor and manager of the Washington Observer was a business visitor in Charleroi and the Monongahela valley points Wednesday working up the annual industrial review edition of the Observer.

W. R. Blanchard of Seattle, Wash., is here to visit his brother, Clarence Blanchard of Meadow avenue.

SPRING STYLE PROPHECY FEATURES HINDOO SKIRT

Direct from Paris comes the first prophecy of the spring styles showing a distinctive note in way of designs and colorings. Probably the most prominent feature in the new spring garments is the Hindoo skirt. For this inspiration, Paris has evidently gone to the dresses of the African soldiers although the influence of the presence of Great Britain's Oriental soldiers in France is also apparent. As an example, Bulloz, a well known Paris designer, has named his new skirt of the barrel type the "Hindoo."

Instead of being gored and seamed so as to assume the barrel shape, the new "tomeau" skirts of the tailored type are cut in two circular portions, an upper part extending from the hip to the knee and the lower part from the knee to the point of joining. The circular pieces being joined in a seam at the widest part. The result is a very interesting new skirt narrow at the waist and at the hem and wide at the knee. There will be a difference of at least a yard in the width of this type of skirt through the center and at the hem and waist.

Much discussion is heard as to the skirt length. A decided effort for a longer skirt will be made though the change will not be radical. For one thing, the barrel form requires a somewhat greater length. Such a skirt naturally cups in a little and draws around the ankles; therefore it would look ridiculous if too short.

Some extremists on skirt lengths talk of indoor dress models with skirts of even length which lie an inch or even two inches on the floor. Such a fashion, however, can hardly have much adoption in this day of practical attire. If accepted at all such a skirt could appear only on extremely dressy models for house wear.

The dress, as against the suit is as much in the front as ever. One cause of this is the lack of operatives and the difficulty of substituting women workers having the right kind of skill for making tailored garments. Altogether there is sure to be a continued vogue for simple one-piece dresses.

SEEKS DAMAGES ALLEGED DUE FROM AUTO ACCIDENT

David R. Duvall has filed a suit against Guy Skully, in which he seeks to recover \$500 damages for injuries done an automobile in collision between a car of the defendant and a car of the plaintiff in Carroll township on January 4, 1917. The plaintiff contends the accident was due to the negligence of the defendant, that he was running on the wrong side of the road.

PENNSYLVANIA SIGNAL CORPS AT THE BORDER BEST OF ALL SAYS MEMBER LATELY RETURNED

That the Pennsylvania Signal corps with the national guard at the border was considered the most efficient of the army heads the statement T. H. Tomlinson makes upon his return to Charleroi. Mr. Tomlinson returned Wednesday night. He enlisted with Company A, Tenth Regiment at Monongahela when the first call for troops was made. At Mt. Gretna he was appointed to a chief clerkship and at the border was named a member of the signal corps soon after arrival. He is a telegraph operator of ability.

GIRL'S STATEMENT WILL HELP CHARLEROI

Here is the girl's own story: "For years I had dyspepsia, sour stomach and constipation. I drank hot water and olive oil by the gallon. Nothing helped until I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. ONE SPOONFUL helped me INSTANTLY." Because Adler-i-ka flushes the entire alimentary tract it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. Hennings Drug Store.

Billard Match to be Played.

Tomorrow night the first game of a match between Monongahela and Charleroi billiard teams will be played at the Brunswick pool rooms. The games will be 250 ball pocket billiards. The Charleroi team will consist of M. Wise, W. Urban, N. Brown, Wheeler, Ebey and Willan.

Why Suffer With Catarrh?

Dr. Burke has consented to put his wonderful treatment on the market and bring it before the public, only by the insistence of a large number of former sufferers, whom it has cured. This Remedy is the result of Dr. Chas. L. Burke's 30 years active practice, and the same as he is using today in his private practice with such splendid results. This Remedy is a fine white powder, guaranteed to contain no drug of a harmful or habit-forming nature, and is covered by a legal-binding guarantee, that if it fails to produce satisfactory results in any case of catarrh, the purchase price (\$2.00) will be refunded.

Write to agent for a 10 day free trial treatment. E. A. Shively, Agent, 1923 Baltimore Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 175-11

LOST IN LOVE.

All Weathers Were Alike to These Two Dreamers.

A Man and a Maid who walked along the garden paths were observed by the Moon, the Roses and the Night Wind.

"Here come two lovers," chuckled the Moon. "I will shine my silver best for their sakes."

"Here come two lovers," murmured the Roses. "Let us send forth our sweetest perfume to greet them."

"Here come two lovers," sighed the Night Wind. "I will whisper to them of the moon that lies in a summer night."

But the Moon suddenly blotted the face of his face. "We will not to them," he declared. "These lovers are the same two who walked the garden paths but yesterday. And now we did our best to please them. What did they in return? They spoke no word of my beauty—either of them."

"And they never noticed us," complained the Roses.

"I remember them well," cried the Night Wind. "They only said, 'It is a beautiful evening!' and gave us no credit at all. Let us do all we can to please them."

So the Moon hid behind the darkest cloud he could find. And the Roses withheld their perfume. And the Night Wind turned chill and tasted the dry leaves desolately, and even succeeded in finding a few stray raindrops and flinging them in a dank, grayish mist across the garden paths.

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CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY AGAINST SPEAKEASIES

Two Alleged Proprietors Arrested and Both Are Held for Court Under Bond of \$1,000.

Alleged speakeasies at Monessen are being cleaned out. Two arrests were made this week.

On Wednesday Mike Martino of the Third street neighborhood was hauled before Justice of the Peace J. A. Watkins, charged with conducting a speakeasy, and placed under \$1,000 bond for his appearance in court to answer to the charge. Bond was furnished. This was the second case of the sort this week. Mrs. Filmini Buchi, an Italian woman, was the defendant in the other case. She was accused of operating a speakeasy under a barber shop on Third alley and held under bond.

MONESSEN RAISES BIG SUM BY RED CROSS SALE

Women Conduct Sale of Seals and Secure \$569.93 For Fight Against Tuberculosis.

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MISSISSIPPI HAD CAMELS.

When It Was a Sandy Desert With a Tropical Climate.

The geology of mountain regions is generally more difficult to master than that of plains, because the rocks have been more broken and tilted about, but the geology of certain parts of Mississippi is almost as difficult as that of a mountainous region, because certain widely distributed formations bear no definite identification marks, particularly remains and impressions of plants and animals that lived at the time the deposits were formed.

A peculiar sandstone, which geologists have called the Carthage sandstone, has been studied with care by G. C. Matson and L. W. Berry of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, who have been able to identify and follow the sandstone by means of the remains of plants.

Among the plants found were palms, ferns, leaves of date palms, tropical myrtles, figs, and a tree closely related to the present day Mexican and Central American sapota, from which most of the material for chewing gum is obtained. These fossil plants show that at the time the sandstone was formed—perhaps 5,000,000 years ago—the climate of this region was tropical, and bones of camels found by other geologists in the region and the similarity of the sand composing the sandstone to certain tropical desert sands have a similar implication.—Geological Survey.

THE KNOTTY FOOD PROBLEM.

A Scientist Finds Its Solution in a Nutty Proposition.

Leave it to the bewhiskered old boys of science, they of the square spectacles and ear muffs, and this world will be pulled through its rather precarious existence. Some time ago somebody who needed the money wrote an alarmist article for a magazine, stating that in a very short time—in fact within 5,000,000 or 9,000,000 years—the earth's food supply would be entirely exhausted.

This set all the scientists going like gyroscopes, and in the dizzy whirl of investigation some very interesting things came to light. It was up to the scientists to find something for the people to eat 5,000,000 or 9,000,000 years hence. It was not wholly a new problem. Scientists long ago evolved the scheme of sawing up timber into breakfast food and said that a man could go forth with a backsaw and get enough sawdust out of a fence rail to keep himself and his family supplied for some time.

One learned scientist thinks that he has solved the problem for all time. He says that the nut trees could in a pinch supply food for the entire world. This knotty question has become a nutty question—and one which he has apparently solved. Those who are on earth now should be of good cheer. They will not have to starve 5,000,000 years hence.—Topeka State Journal.

Like a Scene From the Middle Ages.

The oldest and largest university in the world is El-Azhar at Cairo. Founded in 975, it has been from the start a national institution, the khedive being the rector. The minimum age of entrance is fifteen, and the applicant must know half the Koran by heart—if blind, the whole Koran—and be able to read and write. The curriculum consists of virtually nothing but theology and canon law, the final examination fifteen years after matriculation being upon these, together with traditions of the prophet: Grammar, etymology, rhetoric and logic. It is the same instruction which has prevailed for centuries, and one who goes into the great court where the circles of students are sitting at the feet of their Gamalies looks upon a scene preserved from the middle ages, "a perfect specimen, living, breathing and entire."

A Request.

"I shall never forget," says the eminent man of wealth during the course of his little speech on "How to Become as I Am," "I shall never forget how I saved my first hundred dollars."

At this juncture a werry individual in the audience, who has heard this story many times and has read it many times more, interrupts:

"Well, if you can't forget it, for heaven's sake give the rest of us a chance to."

Why He Did Not Know.

"Papa, what is a bricklayer?" asked Harry.

"Now, what a silly question!" said his father. "What makes you ask questions like that, son? Any fool would know."

"Yes; but, papa," said Harry, "I ain't a fool."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Individuality.

To each intellect belongs a special power. We belong to ourselves, and we lose control of our own when we try to be some one else. The original mind is a magnetic center for the attraction of other minds. But the lodestone loses nothing by attraction. It remains the same.

Rays and Raize.

"Everybody emits rays. An angry man emits violet rays; a contented person emits pinkish rays."

"Sounds interesting. I wonder if my boss would emit a ten dollar raise of salary?"—Exchange.

Opposites.

Wigg—I suppose we should all marry our opposites. Wagg—Yes, but there is no reason why a man with a future should marry a woman with a past.—Philadelphia Record.

Retaliation

By ETHEL HOLMES

Edna is a girl who has the name under which a dry goods store was run. There was a great deal of what is called leather in the store—that is, a certain proportion of all the goods brought into it was taken out, not by legitimate means.

One of the junior partners, Mr. Watkins, was given carte blanche to stop the leak.

One evening in a pile of paper that had been used for wrapping and that had been tucked under a counter to be carried out were found some valuable lace. They were of light silk and readily concealed. The counter was attended by Helen Sayre, a girl of nineteen. The morning after the discovery she was sent for by Mr. Watkins and accused of having placed the lace where they were found with a view to either take them to avoid detection or to take them away later.

The girl could not explain how the lace—she sold lace—came to be where they were instead of in the boxes where they belonged. She was bewildered and tongue tied. Watkins turned her over to the police and prosecuted her for theft. Since no one had seen her take the goods he did not expect to convict her; he simply desired to make an example of her by disgracing her. She was acquitted, but every clerk in the store knew that her arrest was a bitter punishment and a warning to them.

The morning after her acquittal a young man called at Mr. Watkins' private office.

"What can I do for you, sir?" asked Watkins.

"You can give me \$10,000."

"What for?" asked the dry goods man in amazement.

"A wedding present for Helen Sayre, whom you have publicly disgraced. You may call it a wedding present or an atonement or anything you like, but the money must be forthcoming. The real thing, being conscience stricken, has confessed by letter that she stole the goods in question and, seeing a door-walker approaching, tucked them up with some castoff wrapping paper and threw them under Helen Sayre's counter."

"If Miss Sayre has such a letter as that she will be restored to her position and the thief will be prosecuted." "You will not be permitted to see the letter," Helen Sayre does not intend to return to her position. She will be married to me this evening. I will be pleased to take her wedding present I have mentioned."

"Nonsense, man! If you have come here to bluff me you may take yourself away or I will call a policeman to eject you."

"I came here to make a demand," said the young man, rising, "and I venture the prediction that in less than one year you will comply with it."

With this the speaker withdrew.

Six months passed, and Mr. Watkins had forgotten the incident when his daughter, eighteen years old, was walking through the aisles of Hodkins & Co.'s store, when she was accosted by a woman, who said she would like to speak to her in private. Miss Watkins, surprised, followed the woman to a secluded place, where the latter relieved her of her reticule, opened it and removed several boxes containing articles of jewelry. To the astonished girl she said:

"You were in Nevins' jewelry store this afternoon, were you not?"

"I was."

"You stole these articles. I happened to see you take them. I know who you are. You are the daughter of a member of this firm. He would not like the matter made public. If you will go home you are welcome to do so. Tell your father that he will receive a visit this evening from one authorized to arrange to keep this matter quiet."

The woman left the girl, taking the reticule and its contents, and Miss Watkins hurried to her father's office and, bursting into tears, told him what had occurred.

"Oh, papa," she cried, "don't condemn me! Indeed, I am innocent."

Mr. Watkins called a conveyance and took his daughter home.

That evening a man called on Mr. Watkins. He said that he was from Nevins' jewelry store. A woman had reported that she had seen Miss Watkins take certain articles of jewelry from Nevins' counter and slip them into her reticule. If the jewels were returned the matter would be hushed up.

But both the reticule and its contents had passed from Miss Watkins' possession.

"What are the jewels worth?" asked Mr. Watkins.

The man handed him a memorandum of the articles, with prices footing \$10,000.

Watkins saw that either he must pay for the lost jewels or his daughter would be published and prosecuted as a thief. He would have hired detectives to ferret out what he knew to be a conspiracy, but the representative of Nevins' told him that the matter was without their control and unless the money was paid for those who had placed his daughter of the theft would publish it at once, and they had plenty of evidence to send his daughter to the penitentiary.

He paid the bill.

The jewels were eventually returned to Nevins & Co. in exchange for \$10,000.

STATE WASTING VALUABLE ASSET

Failure to Control the Rivers Creates Big Loss

FULLEST USE IS ADVOCATED

Plan Proposed Whereby Floods Can Be Prevented and Excess Waters Made of Benefit to the Communities of Pennsylvania.

The aim of those interested in river regulation in Pennsylvania is to obtain the fullest possible use of the waters of the state. The primary object is to prevent the damage caused by floods, but in this connection the waste of a valuable supply of water is apparent. The next legislature is to be asked to take some definite step looking toward the complete utilization of the state's water resources, to turn them into the asset nature intended them to be and to stop all waste and damage.

It is known that there is an average of some seventy million-cubic feet of water running off to the sea from the surface of the United States annually. The possibilities of beneficial use of this vast supply are difficult to more than vaguely conceive. Complete utilization of all the value in water is, of course, impracticable and there are those who scout at the idea of even attempting the attainment of so vast an ideal. Yet some believe that the problem is just this—a complete inventory of water resources, a consideration of the various uses to which every unit can be put, and of the relative value to the community of each, and the adoption of a complete and consistent policy of development for every stream from source to mouth.

Co-operation is Needed.

To obtain stream control and all that goes therewith for the good of all, co-operation of the national, state and local governments is needed. In Pennsylvania the opportunity is at hand for the next legislature to take the initiative in bringing about this co-operation. That stream control is feasible and practicable has been amply proved by the exhaustive studies made into this subject in the western part of the state. A voluntary commission in the city of Pittsburgh engaged in this work for the purpose of "suggesting a plan or plans by which some practical means may be had to protect the city from floods," and it was first believed that the problem should be treated entirely from a local standpoint. It soon became evident, however, that the problem could not be considered only in its local aspect, for the relation of Pittsburgh's flood losses to those of other communities above and below was too obvious. Nor could the flood problem be long considered by itself. At every point, its relation to problems of navigation, water supply, sewerage, and other uses stood out. So that finally the Commission determined that it would not do its duty to the community if it reported simply on means to protect Pittsburgh from floods; but that it must consider the problem from the county, state and national point of view as well; in other words, that the only suitable solution would be that which secured at the lowest possible cost the greatest possible total benefit of all kinds for the greatest number of people throughout the Ohio valley.

Possibly there are some cities and localities when aroused on the question, which have a tendency to treat the problem of flood prevention or protection as a local matter, but it is believed the full study of the subject as was done in the case of Pittsburgh will show the way to accomplish much in the most economical and effective way and to bring about real success is for all to join hands. Unfortunately, there seems to be among the cities that have been aroused to action by the recent floods, a tendency to confine attention to local problems and local solutions alone. It is hoped that, before it is too late, this tendency may be overcome and that all those in any one affected basin may discard false pride and local prejudice, and join hands in the interest of efficiency, economy and real success.

Storage Reservoirs Feasible.

It is not claimed that any one method of river improvement is exclusive or applicable to all cases, nor to be infallible. But the feasibility and practicability of storage reservoirs for treatment of the situation in the western part of the state appeals to all intelligent persons who examine into it. It is believed that the prevention of floods and the control and use of water to say nothing about the improvement and effect on navigation, are of sufficient importance to justify the state taking a substantial interest. The prevention of floods and the control and use of water are of sufficient importance to justify the state in attacking the problem vigorously.

A specific obligation rests upon every resident of Pennsylvania to take up and earnestly support the solving of this question, not only in the way of thinking and planning, but of providing and doing the things essential to accomplish it and it is hoped that the next legislature will do much to cause the State Government to take a substantial interest in helping the various counties, municipalities and communities in solving the problem of stream control and accomplishing the great benefits that are to be obtained in the way of flood prevention.

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Write on the dry paper with a well sharpened lead pencil, using considerable pressure. After you have finished remove the top sheet of paper and you will find an exact copy of your writing on the wet paper. Place this wet sheet in a cool place to dry. You will be surprised to find that the writing has entirely disappeared after the sheet has been exposed to the air a few minutes. You can be sure that no one, unless he knows the secret, can read what you have written. To make the writing visible soak the paper for a few moments in a basin of clean water.—Youth's Companion.

FALLING METEORS.

Their Changing Colors as They Pass Through the Atmosphere.

The earth's atmosphere is now believed to have three fairly distinct strata, the first, extending up to about forty-five miles, having nitrogen as the leading constituent, the second, with its upper limit at about 125 miles, being chiefly hydrogen, and the third, at a still greater height, consisting of a very thin gas, which has been named "geocoronium."

Dr. Alfred Wegener has attempted to explain the striking differences of color in meteors or "shooting stars" and says that meteors coming from outer space are not sufficiently heated in the exceedingly light gas to become luminous.

Their fall through the hydrogen layer causes them to become incandescent, and before they reach the lowest stratum most of them are completely dissipated. A few of the largest, however, penetrate the nitrogen atmosphere, a very small number reaching the earth's surface.

It is found that the deep falling meteors pass through three stages of color—yellow-white, green and deep red—and it is concluded that the green is due to incandescence of the hydrogen and the red to that of the nitrogen.

Only the first stage is seen in the quickly dissipated meteors, the white, yellow or sometimes reddishness being evidently the glow of the meteor substance.—London Family Herald.

A Sensitive Horse.

Harsh treatment, though it stop short of inflicting physical pain, keeps a nervous horse in a state of misery. A single blow may be enough to spoil a racer. Daniel Lambert, founder of the Lambert branch of the Morgan family, was thought as a three-year-old to be the fastest trotting stallion of his day. He was a very handsome, stylish, intelligent horse and also extremely sensitive. His driver, Dan Mace, though one of the best reinsmen in America, once made the mistake, through ill temper or bad judgment, of giving Daniel Lambert a severe cut with the whip, and that single blow put an end to his usefulness as a trotter. He became wild and ungovernable in harness and remained so for the rest of his life.

Now She Knows.

A young woman unversed in the mysteries of baseball was presented to a famous player.

"I love the game," she confided to him. "I love especially to watch the man at the bat. It is so cute, too, the way he keeps hitting the ground gently with the end of the bat. Why does he do that?"

"Well, you see, miss," explained the player, "the worms have an annoying habit of coming up to see who's batting and that naturally puts the batter out a bit, so he just taps them on the head lightly, and down they go again."—New York Times.

Extreme Case.

"Your friend Dubwaite seems to be an impractical sort of fellow."

"I have never seen his equal."

"No?"

"Why, Dubwaite would try to sell road maps to aviators."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

His Intentions.

Mrs. Rasher—Has Mr. Goldcoin, with whom you have been dancing all the evening, at last declared his intentions, Mabel? Mabel—Yes, aunt. Mrs. Rasher—I am so glad! And what did he say? Mabel—He declared he would never marry.

A Suspicion.

"That new cook arrived Saturday and quit Monday!" remarked Mrs. Crosslots.

"That's the way they all do," replied her husband. "It's a new scheme for week end holidays."—Washington Star.

And Polished to Boot.

"Banks is a whole souled fellow." "Well he's, too, I understand."—Boston Transcript.



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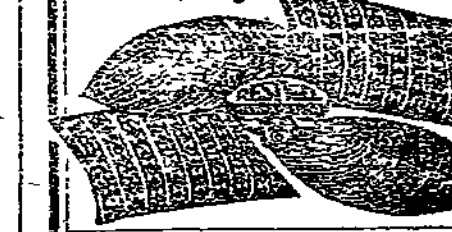


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